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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, has any time-limit been fixed for the report of this Committee and, if so, when it lapses?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The time-limit has been extended up to the end of this year.

House-sites for Harijans in Malabar.

* 2851 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of lands that have been assigned as house-sites to Harijans in Malabar during the current year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : 92 cents of land have been assigned to Harijans for house-sites.

SRI O. KORAN : In view of the fact that the statistics taken by the Village Officers regarding Harijans who are in need of house-sites, are not correct, will the Government make enquiries again and see how many Harijans need house-sites?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I would like the hon. Member to explain what is not correct?

SRI O. KORAN : Sir, I mean to say that the statistics collected by the Village Officers are not correct because there are so many Harijans who really want house-sites still. These officers take statistics even without entering into the villages. That is what we see in the villages.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, we are not concerned with statistics just now. We are concerned with how much land was, as a matter of fact, assigned to Harijans for house-site purposes and I have given the answer.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Sir, as a matter of fact thousands of Harijans want house-sites and poramboke lands may not be available in each and every village to be assigned to them as house-sites. In view of this will the Government take steps to acquire the lands which they are already occupying and assign those lands to them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is entirely a different question. But, that aspect also, the Government is paying attention to.

SRI A. RATNAM : வீட்டு மனைக்காக ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு ·09 எக்கர் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதென்று கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறினார்கள். அதாவது ஒரு எக்கர் கூட அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்று கூறினார்கள். இதுவரையில் எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன, எத்தனை பேருக்கு வீட்டு மனைகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன, எத்தனை பேருக்கு மறுதளிக்கப் பட்டது என்ற விவரங்களை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறுவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இதுவரைக்கும் எத்தனை பேருக்கு வீட்டு மனைகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்பதைப்பற்றி சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன என்பதைப்

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பற்றி கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்கிறார். அதற்கு நோட்டீஸ் கொடுத்தால்தான் கொடுக்க முடியும் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

SRI C. H. KANARAN : The present Tenancy Act gives some right to the Ulkudi, i.e., Harijan tenants. With the influence of the Police and other people, they are able to evict the Harijans in so many places. So, will the Government acquire these lands and assign them to the Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government are taking all possible steps in order to find house-sites for Harijans, Sir.

9-10 a.m. SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister why in spite of repeated assurances on the floor of the House that house-sites would be assigned to the Harijans of Malabar and that proceedings in that connexion would be expedited, thousands of Harijan families are not yet given house-sites when so many families are being driven away from the existing house-sites?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is on account of the assurances only that these sites have been assigned. Naturally it will take time to assign more house-sites.

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Government issue an order to the Panchayat Boards to give first preference to the Harijans in the matter of assigning poramboke lands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : When even the Government are not able to attend to it speedily, how can the Panchayat Boards do it?

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know whether the Hon. Minister has got any information about the extent of land which is available in the Walluvanad taluk for assignment to Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not have the information at present but if the hon. Member can furnish it, I shall be much obliged to him.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know the name of the fortunate village where the Government have assigned land to the extent of 37 cents in the Walluvanad taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is true but the hon. Member should know that 1 acre 18 cents of land were assigned in another taluk.

Upper Bhavani Project.

* 2852 *Q*.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a resolution passed by the Coimbatore district, Half Yearly Irrigation Conference held on 2nd May 1955 recommending to them the revival of Upper Bhavani Project; and